

§ 2908. Authorization of appropriations

In addition to any other funds otherwise authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of conducting climate-related programs, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, not to exceed \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, not to exceed \$65,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, and not to exceed \$25,500,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, of which amount not less than \$2,653,000 shall be made directly available to the National Climate Program Office in the form of a budget item separate from the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Pub. L. 95-367, §9, Sept. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 605; Pub. L. 96-547, §1, Dec. 18, 1980, 94 Stat. 3217.)

AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-547 revised former subsec. (a) into entire section with additional provisions relating to fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1981, and struck out subsec. (b) setting forth authorization of appropriations for grants.

CHAPTER 56A—GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

Sec.

2921. Definitions.

SUBCHAPTER I—UNITED STATES GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM

2931. Findings and purpose.

2932. Committee on Earth and Environmental Sciences.

2933. United States Global Change Research Program.

2934. National Global Change Research Plan.

2935. Budget coordination.

2936. Scientific assessment.

2937. Omitted.

2938. Relation to other authorities.

SUBCHAPTER II—INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

2951. Findings and purposes.

2952. International discussions.

2953. Global Change Research Information Office.

SUBCHAPTER III—GROWTH DECISION AID

2961. Study and decision aid.

§ 2921. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

(1) “Committee” means the Committee on Earth and Environmental Sciences established under section 2932 of this title;

(2) “Council” means the Federal Coordinating Council on Science, Engineering, and Technology;

(3) “global change” means changes in the global environment (including alterations in climate, land productivity, oceans or other water resources, atmospheric chemistry, and ecological systems) that may alter the capacity of the Earth to sustain life;

(4) “global change research” means study, monitoring, assessment, prediction, and information management activities to describe and understand—

(A) the interactive physical, chemical, and biological processes that regulate the total Earth system;

(B) the unique environment that the Earth provides for life;

(C) changes that are occurring in the Earth system; and

(D) the manner in which such system, environment, and changes are influenced by human actions;

(5) “Plan” means the National Global Change Research Plan developed under section 2934 of this title, or any revision thereof; and

(6) “Program” means the United States Global Change Research Program established under section 2933 of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-606, §2, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3096.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 101-606 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Global Change Research Act of 1990’.”

Section 201 of title II of Pub. L. 101-606 provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘International Cooperation in Global Change Research Act of 1990’.”

SUBCHAPTER I—UNITED STATES GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM

§ 2931. Findings and purpose

(a) Findings

The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Industrial, agricultural, and other human activities, coupled with an expanding world population, are contributing to processes of global change that may significantly alter the Earth habitat within a few human generations.

(2) Such human-induced changes, in conjunction with natural fluctuations, may lead to significant global warming and thus alter world climate patterns and increase global sea levels. Over the next century, these consequences could adversely affect world agricultural and marine production, coastal habitability, biological diversity, human health, and global economic and social well-being.

(3) The release of chlorofluorocarbons and other stratospheric ozone-depleting substances is rapidly reducing the ability of the atmosphere to screen out harmful ultraviolet radiation, which could adversely affect human health and ecological systems.

(4) Development of effective policies to abate, mitigate, and cope with global change will rely on greatly improved scientific understanding of global environmental processes and on our ability to distinguish human-induced from natural global change.

(5) New developments in interdisciplinary Earth sciences, global observing systems, and computing technology make possible significant advances in the scientific understanding and prediction of these global changes and their effects.

(6) Although significant Federal global change research efforts are underway, an effective Federal research program will require efficient interagency coordination, and coordination with the research activities of State, private, and international entities.

(b) Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to provide for development and coordination of a compre-